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DATA PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS

correction file reading means for reading said character correction file and for passing the data contained therein to said speech recognition engine.

REMARKS

The above-described amendments are made to more clearly describe the claimed invention. Applicants believe that the amendments to the claims do not add new matter.

Applicants respectfully request that this preliminary amendment be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

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